

DONATING REUSABLE GOODS

Donating your unwanted goods to the organizations or businesses listed in this guide provides needed items to people who want them, preserves natural resources, and helps to keep landfills free of usable goods. All donated items should be clean, not torn or stained, and in working condition (unless noted otherwise). If you wish to include your donation to a nonprofit organization as an income tax deduction, you will need to get a receipt.

BUYING AND SELLING REUSABLE GOODS

In addition to the many community agencies which welcome donations of goods, there are many places where you can buy or sell used items. This give-and-take approach is a wise strategy for reducing waste. We encourage you to patronize both non-profit and commercial operations which further the reuse ethic. If you are interested in purchasing a used item, some of the best places to look are thrift stores, consignment shops, classified ads, specialty stores, and yard/garage sales. A garage sale event for South Santa Clara County is held each year. Call 779-7247 for details.

- **Thrift Stores** - Local thrift stores are an excellent place to donate and buy a wide variety of reusable goods. Check the yellow pages under thrift stores.

- **Consignment Shops** - Consignment shops are often a good source for buying and selling higher quality used clothing or furniture. Sellers bring used items to the store where they are then sold for a profit. When the item sells, the store gives you a percentage of the selling price. Look in the yellow pages under consignment furniture, antique, or clothing shops.

- **Classified Ads** - The classified ads in your local newspaper are a great place to find used items for sale. If you are selling a used item, be sure to list it in the classifieds.

- **Specialty Stores** - Look for stores specializing in the particular item you are interested in. For example, a surf shop may buy and sell used wetsuits, or a bike shop may buy and sell used bicycles. Check the yellow pages, and call around. Many specialty stores also maintain either indoor or outdoor bulletin boards which advertise used goods.

- **Garage Sales, Yard Sales and Rummage Sales** - Other ways to encourage reuse of durable goods are through holding your own yard sale or by donating items to local civic groups, school groups, or churches that hold periodic rummage sales and/or flea markets as fundraising events. To find out about these sales check the classified ads in the local paper or call the organizations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Center for Development of Recycling
San Jose State University
One Washington Square
San Jose, CA 95192-0204
☎ 924-5453 or ☎ 800-533-8414
www.recyclestuff.org

Environmental Programs Division
Public Works Department
City of Morgan Hill
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
☎ 779-7247
www.morganhill.ca.gov

Environmental Programs
City of Gilroy
7351 Rosanna Street
Gilroy, CA 95020
☎ 846-0450
www.ci.gilroy.ca.us

Santa Clara County Integrated Waste
Management Program
1735 North First Street
Suite 308
San Jose, CA 95112
☎ 441-1198

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WHERE TO DONATE REUSABLE GOODS

NAME	ADDRESS/TELEPHONE	CLOTHES	FOOD	SMALL APPLIANCES	FURNITURE	LINEN/ BEDDING	OTHER	COMMENTS
Community Solutions	Donation Line: 846-4761	✓				✓	Gently used towels, sheets, blankets, household items, baby/children's clothes/toys/equipment.	Call before donating; prior approval needed.
Gilroy Public Library	7387 Rosanna St. 842-8208						Books, audiotapes, videotapes, CD's, CD ROM's, recent magazines (2000 to present), any year National Geographic magazines. Must be clean & in good condition. Put in clean boxes or bags of manageable size.	DO NOT ACCEPT: computer software, legal codes, textbooks, encyclopedias, phonograph records, Reader's Digest, catalogs & telephone books. No torn or damaged books.
Morgan Hill Public Library	17575 Peak Ave. 779-3197							
Goodwill of Santa Clara County	Morgan Hill: 778-3253 Gilroy: 842-9941 To donate auto: 877-241-8753	✓		✓	✓	✓	NO mattresses, box springs, paint or other hazardous materials, large appliances, carpet (rugs OK), TV's older than 5 years, pools/playground equipment, construction materials.	Drop-off Monday-Sunday 9am-6pm or bring to a donation station. NO pickup offered.
Hope Rehabilitation Services	Morgan Hill & Gilroy 866-636-6283	✓		✓		✓	Small household items, computers, working portable TVs, sports equipment, toys. No furniture or large items. www.hopeservices.org for complete list.	Will pick up. Please call to arrange.
John H. Boccardo Family Living Center	13545 Monterey Road Imani 686-1300 x22	✓		✓	✓	✓	Full/twin bedding, linens, towels, shower curtains, dishes, clothes, small furniture items. Special need for disposable diapers.	Call before donating.
Morgan Hill Unified School District	15600 Concord Cir. Call: Joan Shuyler, Buyer, 201-6056				✓		Computers, stationery, color or white paper, file folders or other office supplies, will discuss any donation you wish to make for the District or for a particular school.	To donate computer(s) to a particular school, contact Arlene Machado, Director of Technology, 201-6032.
Salvation Army Thrift Store	7341 Monterey, Gilroy 842-3991	✓		✓	✓	✓	May drop off small (must fit in bags or boxes), reusable goods including working TV's & computers.	Drop-off daily from 9am – noon. Closed Wednesday and Sunday. Please call 1-800-958-7825 for pickup of large items or for more information.
Second Harvest Food Bank	750 Curtner Ave., San Jose 266-8866		✓				Safe, edible, fresh, frozen, dried, or canned. DON'T leave food unattended. ALSO NEED CLEAN BROWN PAPER BAGS & NEWSPAPERS. Call for drop-off info.	Call 1-800-984-3663 to receive food referrals and qualification details.. Morgan Hill pick-up site for eligible low income seniors is the Friendly Inn, 17666 Crest Ave., Thurs. 9:00-10:00 AM. For Gilroy, call 842-4200.
St. Catherine's Church "Reach Out" program	17400 Peak Ave. 779-3959 (behind church)		✓				Safe, edible, fresh, frozen, dried, or canned. DON'T leave food unattended. ALSO ACCEPTS CLEAN BROWN PAPER BAGS.	Bring food to St. Catherine's Church Reachout (portable building behind church) from 1-2:30 PM, Monday-Friday.
St. Joseph's Family Center with 2nd Harvest Food Bank	7950 Church St., Suite A, Gilroy 842-6662 (Bilingual)		✓				Same food as above. NO HOMEMADE FOOD ACCEPTED. Also accept CLEAN plastic and brown bags for food distribution.	Hours: Monday through Friday, 9am-noon and 1pm-4.
St. Louise Regional Hospital Volunteer Program	Gilroy: 848-4919 Contact: Gail Paccioretti						Tasteful and current MAGAZINES for patient reading. Children's, Adult, and Paperback books will be accepted.	
United Cancer Research Society	1-800-443-4224 to donate auto: 800-222-1533	✓		✓	✓	✓	Working, reusable goods, including computers. NO large appliances or built-ins, console or knob TV's, propane tanks, or torn or stained items	All furniture must be in resaleable condition. Please call for pickup information.
Wildlife Education & Rehabilitation Center (WERC)	Morgan Hill: 779-9372 Contact Sue Howell for more info on donations.						Artificial greenery (plants, flowers, x-mas trees), heavy duty welded wire, metal garbage cans (no holes), books (not magazines) on wildlife, redwood lattice, railroad ties.	Please call for more information. Donation requests may change during the year. Monetary donations Contact Sue Howell or visit www.werc-ca.org

Note: Inclusion in this guide does not constitute endorsement. All reuse organizations may not be listed. If you know of other reuse organizations in the South County area, please call the City of Morgan Hill's Environmental Programs Division at 779-7247.